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REMARKS

Claims 20-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended claim 20 to correct the lack of antecedent basis pointed out by the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10, 18-28 and 38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,506,428 ("Berge") taken together with U.S. Patent No. 4,827,727 ("Caracciolo"). Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 20 to include the limitations of claims 11 and 29 respectively, which claims were not rejected but which were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims. Therefore, since Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 29 to include the limitations of claim 11 and 29 that stand objected to, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of independent claims 1 and 29 as well as for all claims depending therefrom.

Claims 11-17 and 29-37 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Since Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 20 to include the limitations of claims 11 and 29 respectively, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 11-17 and 29-37.

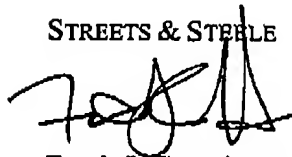
Applicant respectfully asserts that all claims are now in condition for allowance and requests the timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite the examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the below signed attorney at the convenience of the Examiner. In the event there are additional charges in connection with the filing of this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 50-0714/LYNN-0157 of the firm of the below-signed attorney in

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the amount of any necessary fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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